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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): S. INOHARA, et al

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING  
EXTENSIBLE  
NETWORK-ATTACHED SECONDARY STORAGE

Group: 2161

Examiner: E. P. Leroux

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL - EXPEDITED**  
**PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 5, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2006, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

Remarks are included following the amendments.